



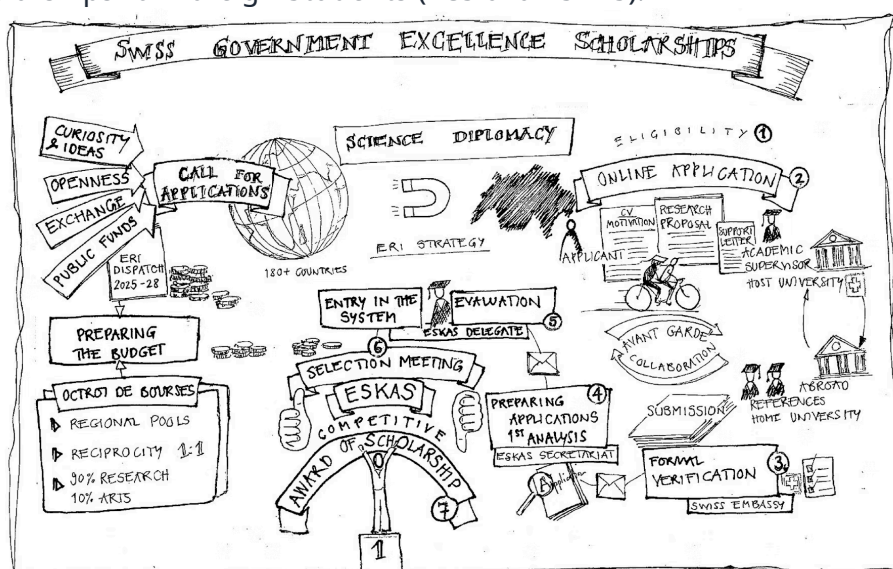
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Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships 2027 – 2028

Each year the Swiss Confederation awards Government Excellence Scholarships to encourage international exchange and research cooperation between Switzerland and over 180 other countries. Recipients are selected by the awarding body, the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students (FCS aka ESKAS).



Warning against fake scholarship offers using the name of the Swiss Government (Phishing)

The State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation issues this warning against fake Swiss Federal Government Scholarships advertised by e-mail or published on social medias. Through these fake scholarship offers, crooks try to lead their victims to money transfers (under the pretext of visa and social insurance costs for example).

The Swiss Federal Commission for Scholarships (FCS) recommends never to answer to these e-mails and above all not to send any money. Please note that the application for a Swiss Government Scholarship is free of charge.

What it's all about

Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships are mainly intended for talented early career researchers (ECRs) from abroad who have already completed their Master's degree. The scholarship programme is currently open to applicants from 183 countries.

Scholarship Types Overview

(max. age: 35 / funding: CHF 2450.--/month)

	TARGET GROUP	MAIN REQUIREMENTS	MAX. DURATION
Research	• PhD Students • (183 countries)	• Master's Degree • Supervisor	• 12 months
PhD	• PhD Students • (183 countries)	• Master's Degree • Supervisor	• 36 months
Art	• Art Students • (26 countries)	• Bachelor's Degree • Admission or proof of application	• 21 months

What are Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships?

Research scholarships

These scholarships are available to postgraduate researchers in any discipline wishing to pursue research at any Swiss cantonal university, university of applied sciences, either of Switzerland's two federal institutes of technology (ETHZ or EPFL) or at one of the four research institutes within the ETH Domain (PSI, WSL, Empa, Eawag). Prerequisite: the scholarship application must be backed by an academic supervisor in Switzerland who is willing to direct and guide the applicant's proposed research.

- [Research fellowship](#)

Art scholarships

Art scholarships are open to students wishing to pursue an initial Master's degree in an artistic field in Switzerland. This scholarship is available to students from a limited number of countries only.

- [Art scholarship](#)

Applying for a Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship

Information on application deadlines and scholarship available by country of origin will be published here in August 2026.

Interested?

Applications are open starting August 20, 2026. [Here](#) you will find useful information on how to prepare your scholarship application.

After applying

Selection

Applications are submitted to Swiss diplomatic representations. The FCS assesses scholarship applications according to three criteria.

1. Candidate profile
2. Quality of the research project or artistic work
3. Synergies and potential for future research cooperation

Awards

By the end of May at the latest, the FCS will announce its decisions regarding the scholarship awards for the following academic year.

Outlook

Scholarships for the 2028–2029 academic year will be advertised online from August 2027.

Applicable legislation (in German)

- [Bundesgesetz über Stipendien an ausländische Studierende und Kunstschaftende in der Schweiz](#)
- [Verordnung über Stipendien für ausländische Studierende und Kunstschaftende in der Schweiz](#)
- [Verordnung des WBF über die Vergabe von Stipendien an ausländische Studierende und Kunstschaftende in der Schweiz](#)
- [Verordnung über die Informationssysteme im Berufsbildungs- und im Hochschulbereich \(IBH-V\)](#)

Links

[E2-news: Scholarships as a career booster](#)

Social Media

- [X: Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships for foreign scholars and artists](#)
- [YouTube: Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships](#)

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Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships at a Glance

The following information is intended for individuals interested in applying for a Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship. Here you find all the details needed to prepare your scholarship application. Applications are open here starting August 20, 2026.

FAQ for interested applicants and for academic supervisors

Here you will find answers to the most frequently asked questions from interested applicants and academic supervisors.

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